GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
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NATIONAL POLICY ON COOPERATIVES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Starred Question No. 167 dated August 2, 2001 and state:

(a) whether the Government have since finalised the national policy on cooperatives; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir. After detailed discussion and consultations with the State Governments,the Central Government has already announced a National Policy on Co-operatives.

(b): The objective of the policy is to facilitate all round development of the co-operatives in the country. Under this policy, co-operatives would be provided necessary support, encouragement and assistance to enable them to work as autonomous, self-reliant and democratically managed institutions accountable to their members. The policy seeks to achieve functioning of co-operatives based on co-operative principles and values, reduction of regional imbalances, strengthening of co-operative education and training, professionalisation, ensuring greater participation of members in the management, amendment/removal of restrictive regulatory regime, evolving an integrated co-operative structure etc.